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Committee Assignments: Parks, Energy and Environment, Vice-Chair • Judiciary, Safety and General Services • Transportation, Public Works and Transit

Dear Neighbors,

Fall is falling! Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here. I want to keep you informed on what has been going on in Milwaukee County government as it impacts District 8. At the north end of Grant Park, the Wil-O-Way entrance and parking lot in Grant Park have been repaved. The landscaping work surrounding that area will continue throughout the fall. Also, if you have been walking the Oak Leaf Trail, you may have noticed some new signs that list the mileage to downtown Milwaukee and the parks.

Milwaukee County Parks had only four pools open this summer and no lifeguards at our beaches. There is a nationwide lifeguard shortage. California jurisdictions have gone as far as to recruit lifeguards from Australia to keep their beaches open! The problem is that the pay for lifeguards is hopelessly low considering the amount of training needed to be a lifeguard. At the current rate of loss, Milwaukee County would have no pools open next year. Therefore, I, along with fellow supervisors Cullen and Ryan, introduced a resolution that raises pay for lifeguards to a level commensurate with their level of mandatory training. I am happy to report the resolution passed and Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley signed it. Hopefully, next year we will have a new class of lifeguards.

Due to the invasion of the emerald ash borer, there is an unusually large number of dead trees in Milwaukee County Parks. Sheridan, Warnimont, and Grant Parks have their share of them. Milwaukee County Parks crews are removing them, but it will take until next year to cut and remove all of them. Unfortunately, this summer's storms knocked down a large number of trees all over the county. That has only added to the backlog. I ask for patience during the removal of dead trees.

Please find in this newsletter accompanying articles on the Milwaukee County budget and the redistricting of Milwaukee County Supervisor districts. The district maps may look very different next year.

If you need a copy of a Milwaukee County birth certificate to vote or for a youth job, the Register of Deeds Office at Room 105 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St. has a program where you can get one for free. You can give the Register of Deeds office a call at (414) 278-3083.

Go Brewers! Go Packers! Go Badgers!

Sincerely,

Steven Shea
Milwaukee County Supervisor, 8th District

MKE County COVID-19 Resources

COVID Vaccinations and Testing

Find locations and schedule appointments for COVID vaccines and tests. This site also offers resources to help ease concerns, provide education, and empower people in the Milwaukee area to make informed choices on getting vaccinated. www.healthymke.com

Emergency Food Map

All over Milwaukee, there are spots handing out free meals to the community. The Hunger Task Force created a map tool that allows you to check out what location is closest to you. www.tinyurl.com/y66ybp43

Renters Assistance

In partnership with Milwaukee County, Community Advocates assists individuals and families who are facing eviction and financially assist in rent, rent arrears, utility assistance, security deposit, and first month's rent. The Rent Assistance Pre-Application can be found and submitted on communityadvocates.net or requested by emailing renthelp@communityadvocates.net. An applicant can also request an application by calling the Rent Help Line at **(414) 270-4646**.

24-Hour Crisis Hotline

If you are feeling overwhelmed or anxious, the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division offers resources. If you do require the help of professional counselors, reach out to **(414) 257-7222**.

Task Force will Guide Spending of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

As a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the U.S. Congress provided Milwaukee County with \$183.6 million in federal funding. The county received half of its allocation in May 2021, with the second half expected to be received in May 2022. Milwaukee County has until the end of 2024 to decide how to spend its ARPA funding.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in July to create the ARPA Task Force, which will provide recommendations to the County Board on how to allocate these federal funds. The Task Force is also charged with creating a process to broadly engage the public and ensure diverse input from the community.

U.S. Treasury Department guidance on allowable uses for the ARPA funds include:

- Supporting public health expenditures, such as COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
- Addressing negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
- Replacing lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- Providing premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
- Investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

The ARPA funding Milwaukee County received will help the county's recovery, but it is much less than the estimated \$300 to \$400 million Milwaukee County lost in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is also a one-time infusion of cash and does not effectively address Milwaukee County's long-term structural deficit. The imbalance will compel the County to dedicate a large portion of ARPA funds to recover costs incurred due to the pandemic.

Based on the Treasury Department's guidance and Milwaukee County's strategic plan, the ARPA Task Force unanimously approved a framework for recommending ARPA funding. The framework recommends that the County allocate 63% of ARPA dollars (\$115,728,599) to revenue loss recovery, 20% (\$36,739,238) to community support, 13% (\$23,880,505) to COVID-19 mitigation, and 4% (\$7,347,848) to fund administration.

6th District County Supervisor Shawn Rolland and former United Community Center Executive Director Ricardo Diaz serve as co-chairs of the ARPA Task Force. The Task Force has been meeting

publicly since August and will continue to hold public meetings throughout the fall. The Task Force also plans to hold public hearings to solicit ideas and recommendations for ARPA funding from the community.

Information on how to submit ideas to the ARPA Task Force can be found at county.milwaukee.gov/arpa.taskforce

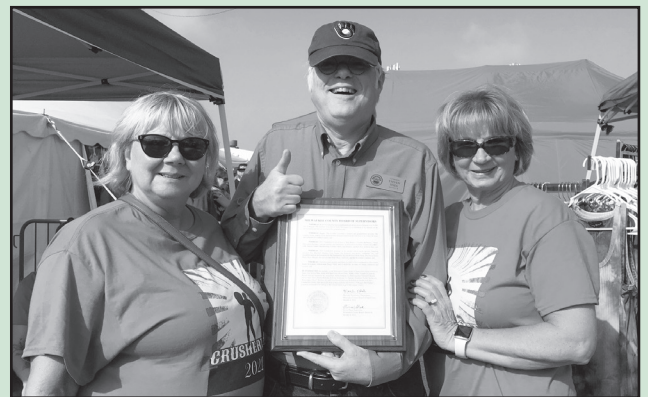
Records of the ARPA Task Force, including meeting agendas, minutes, and archived videos of proceedings can be found at milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

New Mitchell Airport Signage



Supervisor Shea and Milwaukee County's Mitchell International Airport Director Brian Dranzik at the new Mitchell Airport sign.

Crusherfest Citation



Supervisor Shea attended and presented a citation at the 2021 Crusherfest, celebrating Reggie "The Crusher" Lisowski and the cultural impact he had in South Milwaukee.

Register for my newsletter and join my mailing list for updates on similar events I host at
County.Milwaukee.gov/Shea

COVID-19, Structural Deficit Make for Difficult 2022 County Budget



Setting and adopting a balanced budget is the most important task that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors take on each year. Milwaukee County's budget continues to be further complicated by an ongoing structural deficit caused by state revenue caps and the increased cost of state mandated services. On average, county revenues grow by only 1% per year while expenses are expected to increase by 2.4%, the rate of inflation.

Rising to the challenge of adopting a balanced budget each year, Milwaukee County has closed budget gaps of approximately \$300 million over the past decade. The county has done this by reducing its real estate footprint by 1.6 million square feet, reducing staff by 1,400 employees, and deferring \$35 million in maintenance, among other measures. This has unfortunately led to reductions in services countywide, including in our parks, busses, and public safety functions.

Milwaukee County will receive a total of \$183 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ARPA will provide the county with a needed boost in funds to help recover from the pandemic, but the county's actual revenue loss is estimated to be nearly double the amount received from ARPA.

Milwaukee County continues to advocate for additional revenue options to fund local priorities. Governor Tony Evers included a proposal in his 2021-2023 state budget that would allow counties to raise their sales tax by .5% percent if approved by voters through a referendum process, but this proposal was not included in the adopted state budget.

You can find out how to help solve Milwaukee County's mounting budget issues by visiting [moveforwardmke.com](https://www.moveforwardmke.com).

Get up-to-date information on FREE
Milwaukee County Attractions at:



[county.milwaukee.gov/freedays](https://www.county.milwaukee.gov/freedays)

County Establishes Independent Body to Manage 2020 Redistricting

The U.S. Constitution requires elected officials to revise and redraw political districts in the United States every ten years. This process, known as redistricting and reapportionment, takes place at the local, state, and federal level. Reapportionment refers to the number of Congressional seats allotted to each state, and redistricting is the process of redrawing the maps that denote the boundaries of political districts that are represented by an elected official. The entire process is based on the results of the 2020 census, which tracks population growth or decline, as well as changes in demographic data.

The Board of Supervisors established the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee (IRC) comprised of retired judges, "to maintain the integrity of the redistricting process and to mitigate any conflicts of interest or claims of politicization." The IRC is responsible for drafting new Supervisory districts and is also available to any of Milwaukee County's 19 municipalities that wish to utilize the independent body to draw local ward boundaries. County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson appointed and the Board of Supervisors confirmed the Honorable Judges Jean A. DiMotto, James A. Gramling, Jr., Charles N. Clevert, Jr., Charles F. Kahn, Jr., Frederick P. Kessler, and Mary M. Kuhn-muench to the IRC.

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) is providing technical support to the IRC in the form of map-making expertise. The IRC has directed SEWRPC staff to draft maps without consideration for current maps or incumbent office holders, and to work from the following guiding principles, in priority order: maintaining voting rights as defined in the 1965 Voting Rights Act, maintaining the continuity of existing city or village lines (municipal boundaries), maintaining equal population of residents across districts, and establishing compact and contiguous districts. District 8 may look very different in the new map.

The Independent Redistricting Committee has been meeting weekly since mid-August and has invited the public to attend all meetings and provide their input and feedback on the process and proposed maps. The Board of Supervisors is expected to finalize the new supervisory district map by November 23, in advance of the start of the nomination process for Spring elections, which begins on Dec. 1. For more information about how to share your input with the Committee, visit:

[County.Milwaukee.gov/PublicCommentAdHoc](https://www.County.Milwaukee.gov/PublicCommentAdHoc)



IMPACT 2-1-1 is a central access point for people in need. During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance. **Simply dial 2-1-1.** If you want detailed information please go to: www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1.



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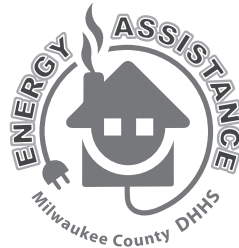
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Energy Assistance is Available

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents can receive a one-time annual payment* to make your heating and electric bills more affordable!



1. See if you qualify.

Go to **KeepWarmMKE.org** to check income guidelines and see if you qualify. 175,000 county residents will. You may also qualify for services like furnace repair, weatherization and crisis benefits.

2. Make an appointment or complete your application online.

- Apply October 1 - May 15.
- Visit **KeepWarmMKE.org** or
- Call **270-4MKE (4653)**. Dial 211 for after-hours help.

3. Due to COVID-19, all appointments are conducted by phone.

A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.

**Funding covers a portion of energy costs; it is not intended to pay your entire energy bill. How much funding you receive depends on several factors, including your income, size of your home or apartment, and energy costs. (In most cases, the annual Energy Assistance monetary benefit will be paid directly to your energy supplier.)*

CLIC COUNTY LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION CENTER

For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

Service Guide for 8th District Milwaukee County Residents

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Airports

Mitchell International Airport 747-5300
Timmerman Airport 461-3222

Child Support Enforcement 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Court 278-5362

County Clerk 278-4067

County Executive 278-4211

County Treasurer 278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims) 278-4120
Criminal Division 278-4538
Children's Court 257-7700

Department on Aging 289-6874

Department of Health and Human Services ... 289-6877

District Attorney's Office 278-4646

Election Commission 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) 278-4766
TDD Emergency 278-5252
Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) 272-2876
Emergency Management (24 hours) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

Mental Health Crisis 257-7222

Fraud Hotline 93-FRAUD

House of Correction 427-4700

Jury Services

General Information 278-4468/278-4469
Reserve Juror Message 985-6000

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts 273-7121

Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic. 278-4067

Medical Examiner 223-1200

Mental Health Complex

General Information 257-6995
Admitting (Emergency) 257-7260

Milwaukee Art Museum 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens 525-5600
General Information 257-7275
Parks Hotline 257-5100
Golf Office 257-8024

District 8 Parks

Greene Park, 4235 S. Lipton Ave. 482-4270
Cudahy, 3000 E. Ramsey Ave. 762-1550
Pulaski (Cudahy), 5400 S. Swift Ave. 762-1550

Grant Park, 100 E. Hawthorne Ave. 762-1550
Sheridan Park, 4800 S. Lake Dr. 762-1550
Rawson Park, 1400 E. Rawson Ave. 257-7275
Bay View Park, 3120 S. Lake Dr. 482-4270
Oak Creek Parkway (runs through Dist. 8) 762-1550

Milwaukee County Zoo 771-3040

Milwaukee County Sports Complex 281-2694

Milwaukee Public Museum 278-2702

Municipalities

Cudahy 769-2200
South Milwaukee 768-8051
St. Francis 481-2300

Office of Persons with Disabilities 278-3932

Register in Probate 278-4444

Register of Deeds 278-4021

Rent Assistance 278-4894

Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares 344-6711
Customer Comments 937-3218
Transit Plus 343-1700

UW-Extension 256-4600

Veterans Services 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service 278-4667